

# P inside the Planners Studio

April 30, 2013 | 10am to 12pm | City Hall Council Chambers

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## TRANSIT PLANNING: A TALE OF TWO CITIES

**EDWARD J. LEVY** | [levyrapidtransit.ca](http://levyrapidtransit.ca)

[Rapid Transit in Toronto: A Century of Plans, Progress, Politics & Paralysis](#)

Edward J. Levy, P.Eng, has worked as a transportation planner and advisor in Toronto since graduating from the University of Toronto in 1957. In 1972, he co-founded Barton-Aschman Canada Limited (later BA Consulting Group) and served as President and Chairman of the Board of Directors for more than 15 years. In the 1980's and 1990's, he worked on several high-profile transportation planning projects including the Skydome (now Rogers Centre) and the Gardiner Expressway corridor.



**STEVE MUNRO** | [stevemunro.ca](http://stevemunro.ca)

[Toronto's Streetcar System: Past, Present, and Future](#)

Steve Munro, has been a passionate advocate for Toronto's transit system for more than 40 years. His love of Toronto and its transit system grew out of weekend outings on the TTC with his father to explore the city and the streetcar system. In 1972, Steve helped form the "Streetcars for Toronto" Committee, to fight for the retention and expansion of the streetcar system. Steve is a frequent commentator on transit in Toronto, and his blog at [stevemunro.ca](http://stevemunro.ca) hosts lively and informative discussions. In 2005, Steve was awarded the Jane Jacobs Prize in recognition of his sustained advocacy and vision for public transit in Toronto.



**YORK U GRAD STUDENTS** |

[Transit growing among the Vineyards: Lessons from Montpellier, France](#)

As part of a larger research project on global suburbanisms at York University, students of the Masters in Environmental Studies Planning Programs will share their insights on how the French city of Montpellier is dealing with planning in regards to growth pressures, transportation issues and governance. Based on their experiences, the students will also make recommendations to the City of Toronto on a number of topics, where the Canadian city could learn from some of Montpellier's examples of pro-active planning initiatives.



**GROUP DISCUSSION AND Q&A TO FOLLOW |**